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USS Michael Murphy Sailors render honors

Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) render honors to Battleship Missouri Memorial and USS Arizona Memorial during the official ceremony for the 75th commemoration of the end of World War II Sept. 2. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Devin M. Langer)

Diverse VIEWS

Halloween is on Oct. 31.

What is your best and worst Halloween Candy?

By David D. Underwood, Jr., MC1 Erickson Magno and MC2 Charles Oki



Gas Turbine Systems (Mechanical)
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"My favorite is Butterfinger. The worst is candy corn, they just taste the worst!"



Senior Airman Lino Fernandez
154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,
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"My best is Reese's peanut butter cups and the worst is candy corn."



Master-At-Arms
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"My favorite candy is those Willy Wonka bottle caps. My worst candy is definitely candy corn."

(Note: Photographers were 6 feet away from subject while social distancing.)

Your Navy Team in Hawaii

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii oversees two installations: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Oahu and Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, on Kauai. As Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, we provide oversight for the ten surface ships homeported at JBPHH. Navy aircraft squadrons are also co-located at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe, Oahu, and training is sometimes also conducted on other islands, but most Navy assets are located at JBPHH and PMRF. These two installations serve fleet, fighter and family under the direction of Commander, Navy Installations Command.

A guided-missile cruiser and destroyers of Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific deploy independently or as part of a group for Commander, U.S. Third Fleet and in the Seventh Fleet and Fifth Fleet areas of responsibility. The Navy, including your Navy team in Hawaii, builds partnerships and strengthens interoperability in the Pacific. Each year, Navy ships, submarines and aircraft from Hawaii participate in various training exercises with allies and friends in the Pacific and Indian Oceans to strengthen interoperability. Navy service members and civilians conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster response missions in the South Pacific and in Asia. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy in Hawaii provides drug interdiction and fisheries enforcement operations for Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In even-numbered years Hawaii hosts the biennial summer Rim of the Pacific Exercise, the world's largest military maritime exercise, featuring more than two dozen nations and 25,000 personnel.

The Navy family in Hawaii comprises around 50,000 people, most of whom are active duty service members and their families, and includes nearly 15,000 civilians and contractors as part of our workforce.

JBPHH includes the Pearl Harbor waterfront, Hickam flight line, Wahiawa annex and several other areas in West Oahu and provides a major logistics and other support hub for the military and military families. Supporting the nation's ballistic missile defense initiative, the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the western coast of "The Garden Island," is the world's largest instrumented multidimensional testing and training missile range.

We provide services to the U.S. Pacific Command, one of DOD's six geographic combatant commands, with an area of responsibility covering half the globe. We directly support two component commands whose headquarters are on JBPHH: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Force. Close to our own Region/MIDPAC headquarters command is Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. With 18 forward-deployable combat-ready U.S. Navy submarines, Pearl Harbor is home to the largest submarine presence in the Pacific. The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, on JBPHH, is the largest ship repair facility between the West Coast and the Far East. Within our region we support more than 100 tenant commands.

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Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

This year's theme encourages individuals and organizations to own their role in protecting their part of cyberspace, stressing personal accountability and the importance of taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity.

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) emphasizes "If You Connect It, Protect It." Throughout October, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the National Cyber Security alliance (NCSA) will focus on the following areas in promotional outreach materials.

Weekly campaign topics:

Oct. 1 & 2

**Official NCSAM
Kick-off**

Week of

Oct. 12

**Securing Devices at
Home and Work**

Week of

Oct. 26

**The Future of
Connected Devices**

Week of

Oct. 5

**If You Connect It,
Protect It**

Week of

Oct. 19

**Securing Internet-
Connected Devices
In Healthcare**

For more information, visit <https://www.cisa.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>
or <https://staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month/theme/>

(Provided by the Navy Region Hawaii N6 Cybersecurity team
as a part of the National Cybersecurity Awareness Month campaign)

By Bryan Law
CNRH Energy Program

October is... Energy Action Month

This October, many people across the nation are coming together, some virtually, to highlight their energy efficiency and resilience efforts. Energy Action Month is celebrated across federal agencies to promote sustainability, energy efficiency and resilience, while encouraging the smart use of energy, water, and transportation resources.

While the COVID-19 pandemic prevents us from hosting the annual Energy Fair and trainings, we will be using Navy Region Hawaii (CNRH) Facebook to communicate useful energy tips and information, and will be gathering inputs on workplace charging for electric vehicles. Check out CNRH Facebook throughout October for updates and details.

In 2017, the Department of the Navy (DON) published an energy security framework and emphasized energy resiliency, reliability and efficiency to enhance mission assurance. In early 2020, the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) installation energy resilience strategy was published to align the department's leadership on the objective of achieving assured energy

at our installations, in the quantity and of the quality to accomplished required missions. Together, despite the constraints due to the pandemic, we are making progress in achieving these energy objectives.

At Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), a \$15 million third-party financed energy savings performance contract upgraded streetlights and building exterior lights with energy efficient LED lightings, improved hot water systems in 33 facilities, and upgraded direct digital control systems in four facilities.

The Hickam Airfield lightings were upgraded to the latest in LED technology, which resulted in better lighting quality and expected to save over \$260,000 in electricity cost annually.

At Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), a 19-megawatt solar photovoltaic-plus-storage project owned and operated by the local utility, Kauai Island Utilities Cooperative (KIUC), completed construction. This unique partnership will allow KIUC to provide cost-effective electricity to meet the community's peak demand, while supporting PMRF's

mission requirement during extended grid outages.

These efforts, along with many other accomplishments, contributed to JBPHH winning the fiscal year 2020 SECNAV Energy Excellence Award for large shore installation. PMRF was also recognized for its gold-level performance in the small shore installation category. The Energy Excellence Awards promotes excellence in the areas of energy security, new technology, innovation, program management, and efficiency across the DON.

Our future success will depend on everyone's engagement and actions, including building occupants ensuring lights and air-conditioning are turned off when not needed, Building Energy Monitors performing monthly energy audits to identify energy and water waste, and command leaders developing energy requirements for their task critical assets.

In the days ahead, I look forward to sharing additional energy tips and information on the CNRH Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii/>) and hearing your ideas. Happy Energy Action Month!



Reflecting on 245 years of U.S. NAVY HISTORY

Admiral's Commentary:



By Rear Adm. Robb Chadwick
Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and
Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Since our Navy was born as the “Continental Navy” in 1775, Sailors have served with distinction to promote America’s interests and defend freedom throughout our 245-year history. Those individual Sailors, and the commands that they served, achieved success by representing what have become the Navy’s core values of honor, courage and commitment.

This year’s Navy birthday theme, Victory at Sea, is an appropriate recognition of why the U.S. Navy exists: the effective and long-proven use of seapower to protect and promote security, stability and prosperity. Throughout our nation’s history – and in every war that the United States’ fought – Sailors have risen to the challenge to win battles, defend freedom and preserve peace. We are grateful for the Sailors who have served at sea from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, to the Civil War, World War I and World War II, Korea and Vietnam and the 21st Century conflicts related to the War on Terror. In every instance, the U.S. Sailor has answered our nation’s call to selfless service.



◀ This infographic shares the history of U.S. Navy ships that have born the name America, Independence and Freedom. See page 9. (U.S. Navy graphic by Annalisa Underwood)

Celebrating and honoring events like the Navy's birthday serve as touchstones for reflection. It has been said that "a legacy is the inheritance of a great example." Nowhere is that great example so vividly on display as it is here at Pearl Harbor.

This year has been a year of great challenges and a year of significant milestones. On Sept. 2, the nation and the world turned their eyes to the fantail of the USS Missouri, where veterans and guests commemorated the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Perhaps at no time in our nation's history were the freedoms that we cherish so imperiled and the subsequent values of selflessness, valor and perseverance tried under fire in the defense of freedom.

In a few months, we will commemorate the 79th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The actions of the Sailors, caught in the crossfire of a surprise attack, would set the example of courage under fire and the ability to rise to the challenge at the beginning of the long crucible of war that would provide an immediate and lasting legacy for the American people and frame a template for the securing of victory and peace.

The example of our aptly christened "Greatest Generation" continues to inspire us, and we must never lose sight of the legacy that we have inherited from them. Being attentive students of the lessons that they learned will allow this generation to continue in the preservation of the peace that they won. The memory of their commitment and love of freedom permeates our daily operations and inspires us to answer the bell if we are called upon to defend our nation once again. We must remain ready to protect and promote American interests and values and to stand together with our allies around the world against those who would challenge our freedom.

That is the rich taproot of the Navy's 245-year history. Happy 245th Birthday, United States Navy!



▲ This infographic shares the history and heritage behind ship commissionings. See page 8. (U.S. Navy graphic by Annalisa Underwood)



THE U.S. NAVY'S TRADITION OF

SHIP COMMISSIONINGS



The commissioning ceremony is one of the most significant milestones in the life of a U.S. Navy ship. Here are some aspects of this time-honored U.S. Navy tradition.



DID YOU KNOW?

Ships commissioning programs often include an anecdote about the storied origin of the commissioning pennant.



According to legend, during the first of three 17th-century Anglo-Dutch naval wars (1652-54), Dutch Adm. Maarten Tromp set sail with a broom at his masthead, symbolizing his intention to sweep the English from the sea.



His British opponent, Adm. Robert Blake, two-blocked a coach whip to show his determination to whip the Dutch fleet. Blake won; in commemoration of his victory a streamer-like pennant, called a "coachwhip pennant" became the distinguishing mark of naval ships.



The modern U.S. Navy commissioning pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and has a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly.



THE EARLY DAYS

The commissioning ceremony has been a U.S. Navy tradition since 1775.



The act of commissioning a ship was derived from British naval custom. The event wasn't public and followed no written procedure.



Alfred, the first ship of the Continental Navy, was commissioned in Philadelphia in December 1775. Since then, the commissioning ceremony has been a long-standing U.S. Navy tradition.



Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles made the first specific reference to commissionings in a November 6, 1863, letter where he directed that "commandants of Navy yards and stations will inform the Department...when each vessel...is placed in commission."



WHO'S WHO

From ship sponsors to plank owners, many people play an important role in the commissioning ceremony.



A central figure in a ship's life is the sponsor. Chosen by the Secretary of the Navy, a ship's sponsor is a female who is typically selected for her relationship to the ship's namesake or current mission.



"Plank owners" are members of the commissioning crew of a ship. The commissioning crew is responsible for bringing the vessel to life as a U.S. Navy warship.



The ship's prospective commanding officer (PCO) traditionally hosts the commissioning ceremony.



TRADITIONS

The commissioning ceremony is full of iconic traditions that make it a joyous and memorable occasion.



The commissioning ceremony usually includes speeches from flag officers, civil leaders, and other distinguished guests. Often, the Navy leader who delivers one of the final speeches will place the ship into commission with an announcement to the crowd.



Following the speeches, the ship's prospective commanding officer orders the prospective executive officer to hoist the colors and commissioning pennant. At the moment the commissioning pennant is broken at the masthead, the ship becomes a Navy command in her own right, and a member of the Navy fleet.



After the pennant is hoisted, the prospective commanding officer reads the orders appointing him to command. The now commanding officer orders the executive officer to set the watch.



The final and most iconic part of the ceremony occurs when the ship's sponsor gives the order, "Man our ship and bring her to life!" Crew members man the rails, side-by-side, as the ship's systems come online.

AMERICA ★ INDEPENDENCE ★ FREEDOM

Presence Then & Presence Now

1777

The first ship to carry the name America was a 74-gun man-of-war that was gifted to France in appreciation of the partnerships with the new nation.

1861



The next America was a racing yacht turned Confederate Civil War blockade runner turned Union blockader.

1917



Passenger liner America saw service as a troop transport in World War I.

1965



The Kitty Hawk-class carrier USS America (CVA 66) served for 30 years and supported action in Vietnam, Lebanon, Libya, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and Bosnia.

TODAY



Commissioned October 2014, the versatile USS America (LHA 6) is the first in her class of amphibious assault ships equipped to handle the future of joint multinational maritime expeditionary operations.

1776



The first Independence, a Continental sloop, sailed with Ranger and John Paul Jones when Ranger received the first national salute of our flag.

1814



Ship-of-the-line Independence joined frigate Constitution protecting Boston Harbor during the War of 1812.

1918



Steamer Independence was one of the Navy's shortest-lived ships, making only one cargo run to Europe before being decommissioned four months after she was commissioned.

1943



USS Independence (CVL 22) was the first aircraft carrier to bear the name and served with distinction during World War II.

1959



USS Independence (CVA 62) served for more than 39 years, being action during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, and Desert Storm.

TODAY



Commissioned January 2010, USS Independence (LCS 2), a Littoral Combat Ship, can operate in shallow waters and evolve with an ever-changing battle space.

1918



The first Freedom began as German Warship SS Wittekind built in 1894 and was renamed Freedom in 1918. She was acquired by the Navy in 1919 as a member of the Navy's Cruiser and Transport Force.

1940



Auxiliary schooner Freedom (IX 43) was the second ship of this name to be acquired by the Navy. She was assigned to the Naval Academy where she served in a non-commissioned status through 1962.

TODAY



Commissioned November 2008, USS Freedom (LCS 1) is a response to the Navy's need for smaller, multipurpose warships that operate in littoral or coastal water.

Sources: Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships. Photos: Official U.S. Navy photos from NHHC Photo Archives and navy.mil. Artwork: Navy Art Collection, NHHC. Infographic by: Annalisa Underwood, NHHC Communication and Outreach Division.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



1 Military veteran Wendell Newman salutes the USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) during the Pass and Review portion of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II commemoration ceremony at Pearl Harbor Sept. 2. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Gilbert Bolibol)

2 The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) returns home to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam following a regularly-scheduled deployment Sept. 11. Greeneville performed a full spectrum of operations, including anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare in the U.S. 5th and 7th fleet areas of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by MCC Amanda R. Gray)

3 Electronics Technician Class Derek Davila waves to his former crew as the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile cruiser USS William P. Lawrence (CG 55) sets sail for deployment Sept. 31. (U.S. Navy photo by Lexie Perez)



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Officer 2nd
his and his wife
er shipmates
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estroyer USS
nce (DDG 110)
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photo by GSE2

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U.S. Air Force F-22 Hawaiian Raptors conduct a Missing Man Formation above the Battleship Missouri Memorial during the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II commemoration ceremony at Pearl Harbor Sept. 2. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Nelson Jr.)

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Sailors handle a line aboard Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) in preparation to get underway to render honors to the Battleship Missouri Memorial and USS Arizona Memorial during the official ceremony for the 75th commemoration of the end of World War II Sept. 2. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Holly L. Herline)

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A C-17 Globemaster aircraft based out of Hickam awaits service members from the 140th Wing, Colorado National Guard, Buckley AFB, Colorado, after the conclusion of Operation Noble Defender, at 5 Wing Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Sept. 24. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. John Rohrer)



CONQUERING COMBAT AND CANCER

**Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class Lexie Perez
Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs**

When you enlist in the armed forces, war is inevitably something that crosses your mind. You accept the fact that one day you may end up right in the middle of it. But what happens when you are told that the war is inside of your own body? For Senior Chief Jackey Smith, that was a question she was forced to answer.

War was something Smith knew all too well. In 2006 she was deployed with Combat Camera to the war in Iraq. One evening she and her troops had gone out on a mission “to look for some bad guys,” Smith explained.

Still in pursuit as morning began to rise, she started to document as normal. As they got out of their Humvee she

heard gunfire start to erupt. She had heard gunfire before, however, so she wasn’t too alarmed. It wasn’t until she heard an unusual “zing” sound go right past her ear that she knew something wasn’t quite right.

Smith had gone through months of training prior to this moment and “fortunately or unfortunately I had to use that training,” she explained. She was able to take charge allowing her and her troops to reformulate and get back to their base safely.

Though she survived being shot at in a foreign country and witnessed death up close and personal, nothing could have prepared her for the news she received years later.

In 2014, while she was in the midst of her career, Smith was diagnosed with stage II breast cancer. As the first and only female combat photographer in the Navy to be

awarded the Bronze Star, this was devastating news for such a warrior to receive.

"I thought my Navy career was over," explained Smith. "I was working as the public affairs officer for the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, I was working inside of the Pentagon and I had just come off of a tour as an instructor. So I felt like the brakes were screeching, and the words 'cancer' and 'Navy' don't go together," she continued.

As she worked through her battle, she realized that the brakes were not so much screeching but the tires were just steering towards a new direction. She gained a new appreciation and outlook on life that she was able to incorporate into her role as a chief.

At the time of her diagnosis, her husband was deployed, so the support and understanding she received from her Navy family meant the world to her.

"Wearing the chief's uniform and crying were something that, prior to diagnosis, I would have seen as a weakness. So that in itself, being vulnerable to the people that I worked with is essentially what got me through."

As her treatment went on, she received more overwhelming news. Her diagnosis went from stage II to stage III breast cancer only five months after her initial diagnosis. However, rather than looking at this

new news with a pessimistic view, she decided to see her glass as half full.

She remained determined to fight this ugly disease and with opening up and accepting the support from her friends and family, that's exactly what she did.

It was through vulnerability that she found strength and that new found trait is something she wishes others will take away from her story.

"Senior leaders; it's okay to be vulnerable, it's okay to ask for help and it's okay to know that you don't have to have a coat of armor 24 hours a day."

Smith looked back on herself saying "If you were to look at Chief Bratt [Smith's maiden name] in 2008, she was a bull. It was my way or the highway, it was survival of the fittest. It was any description of what I would never want to have for a leader. That's who she was."

On Jan. 13, 2019, Smith was announced cancer free. War and cancer were experiences that changed her. Yet through those challenges and adversities, she was able to better herself and hopes to use her journey to help better others.

"I am the most determined, energetic person that you will ever meet, but I use that for good now. I don't use that for myself, I use that for 'how can I help the Navy' and 'how can I help the Sailors.'"



(U.S. Navy photo by Kenneth R. Hendrix)



(Photo by Charles Smith)



(Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Lexie Perez)

Flu vaccine essential dur

Story and photos by Macy Hinds
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Public Affairs

Influenza (flu) season is upon us. In the United States, flu season lasts through the fall and winter. While influenza viruses circulate year-round, most flu activity peaks between December and February, but can last as late as May.

Not only are we entering flu season, we are in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic, further stressing the importance of the flu vaccine. The vaccine could help reduce the overall impact of contagious respiratory illnesses on the population and decrease the burden on the health care system during the overlapping flu season and COVID-19 pandemic.

While the COVID-19 and influenza viruses are different, symptoms of the two can look the same, making it difficult to differentiate between them based on symptoms alone.

Capt. Lisa Pearse, Navy Region Hawaii Public Health Emergency officer from Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Pearl Harbor said, "Both can cause high fevers, body aches and headaches. COVID is more likely to cause a cough and shortness of breath, but those symptoms could also occur with influenza. Lab testing may be required to tell them apart. One specific difference is that only COVID causes a loss of smell or taste."

While there is no vaccine for COVID-19 yet, the flu shot can help reduce the risk of illness, hospitalization and death from an influenza infection.,

"The very best thing you can do to prevent influenza is to get your flu shot!" emphasized Pearse.

You may have options when it comes to where and when you can get your flu shot.

"The influenza vaccine is expected to arrive later than usual this year for the Navy, so most of the big flu drives will be delayed slightly and will occur in November/early December but specific dates will be released soon," said Pearse. "High risk patients can receive vaccines through the immunization



A Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Sailor opens a vaccination refrigerator to examine the southern hemisphere flu vaccine at the Shipyard Clinic immunizations department Sept. 14.

clinics at BHC Makalapa and BHC Kaneohe Bay beginning in October."

For TRICARE beneficiaries who want to get a flu vaccine before it is available at the clinic, they can use a TRICARE network participating pharmacy at no cost. Visit www.tricare.mil/flu to learn about TRICARE coverage and the flu vaccine. Keep in mind, you should always get a record of your vaccines if you receive them outside of the military treatment facility. You will need to share the information with your primary care provider or immunizations clinic to keep your vaccination records current.

It is important to remember that immunizations clinics may currently look different during the pandemic.

Take into account any changes to hours of operations, services, safety precautions and entry requirements at your local military treatment facility when planning to visit the immunizations clinic for your flu vaccine. For the safety of healthcare personnel and other patients, don't forget your mask. If you are someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, postpone your visit to the immunizations clinic, regardless of whether you have symptoms. Come

ing COVID-19 pandemic

back another time once you have met the criteria to discontinue your isolation.

It's uncertain what COVID-19 coupled with flu season will look like this year. However, there are preventative steps you can take to help protect yourself and your family, while reducing the burden on healthcare resources. In addition to getting your flu vaccine, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends staying home when you are sick, covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, cleaning your hands, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, and preserve a strong immune system by getting plenty of sleep, staying active, managing your stress, drinking fluids, and eating nutritious foods. These everyday actions combined with the vaccine can help slow the spread of contagious respiratory illnesses and prepare us for a joint COVID-19 and flu season to come.



A Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Sailor examines the southern hemisphere flu vaccine at the Shipyard Clinic immunizations department Sept. 14.



A hospital corpsman from Navy Medical Readiness and Training Command Pearl Harbor disinfects a Sailor's arm prior to administering a vaccine at the Shipyard Clinic immunizations department Sept. 14.

Sea Services: Q&A with Navy League

Interview by Melvin Gonzalvo
Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

(Editor's note: In this edition of Ho'okele, we feature an exclusive interview with Jane Ferreira, executive director for the Navy League of the United States - Honolulu Council, highlighting the Navy League's relationship with the Navy and how they support Sailors, Marines, the Coast Guard and Merchant Marines.)

The Navy League of the United States (NLUS) is a citizens' organization dedicated to serve, support and stand with all U.S. sea services — the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marines, since its founding in 1902 with the support of former President Theodore Roosevelt. Decade after decade, the Navy League has continued to demonstrate its leadership in advocating superior sea power to safeguard U.S. national security, protect American economic interests and ensure freedom of the seas.

It has three missions: to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families; to share with our community the importance of maintaining strong sea services; and developing tomorrow's leaders through youth leadership programs such as Sea Cadets, JROTC, Cyber Patriot programs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Science Olympiad and more.

How did you first get involved in the NLUS?

I started volunteering with the Navy League in 2007, at the urging of retired Adm. Richard Macke. After retiring from Hewlett-Packard, I continued to volunteer and was then hired as the executive director in January 2016.

What do you look forward to the most about the annual Navy League Sea Service awards?

The opportunity to recognize the best of the best within our Sea Services Excellence helped determine the ultimate victory of World War II. It cannot be packaged and distributed over the counter. It is a character asset and once acquired, it becomes a priceless ingredient in the mettle of those sea service members. These awards recognize that commitment.

Why is the 2020 Navy League Sea Service award important?

The Sea Service awards are important because it gives the Navy League, our members and community partners the opportunity annually to recognize Excellence in Service as demonstrated by over 50 select senior enlisted members and junior grade officers. Their dedication to the pursuit of excellence on the job, and in their community, makes this one of the Navy League's most celebrated events every year.

This is also an opportunity to recognize the recipient of the George S.B. Walters Award, presented to the top Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard civilian who demonstrated initiative, innovation, and teamwork. We also recognize the senior and junior Shipyard Repair professionals within the Shipyard Repair Association.

What is some feedback you receive from service members after the event?

Thank you for making this recognition possible. Thank you to the Navy League for always supporting and recognizing us. Thank you for soliciting the award submissions; now I know my hard work has been recognized.

How does the NLUS Honolulu Council support/benefit military personnel in Hawaii?

We work closely with all sea service organizations and their families to make sure we are appropriately providing support and recognition. From celebrating ships and submarines upon their return from deployment and providing dinner for the duty station, to partnering and support the spouse organizations so they can live their best "milspace" lives while in Hawaii, and hosting Aloha Welcome Academy briefs weekly for all new INDOCS [indoctrinations] upon their arrival on JBPHH [Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam] to share how they can save time, money and even their life.

What was one of your most memorable moments from a past event?

The awarding of the George S.B Walters award is always special because his son, himself a former shipyard crew member, and Dec. 7 survivor, is always there to be part of the award presentation. Witnessing the emotion of receiving the award with friends and family present is special.

What are some of the benefits of becoming a NLUS member?

We strive to provide members with unique and patriotic experiences. This year we were not able to provide as great a diversity of events, so we provided new opportunities to our members through online platforms. Instead of having luncheons and briefings with military leaders, we host events so military leaders can share their insights and deliver their briefings online by covering a variety of topics spanning the Pacific. We heard from Rear Adm. Robb Chadwick, commander of Navy Region Hawaii, and Capt. Gregory Burton, commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility; we hosted Capt. Marc Delao, commander Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii; and Cmdr. DonAnn Gilmore, commanding officer of PCU Daniel K Inouye. Rear Adm. John Adametz, fleet civil engineer for Pacific Fleet, is up next!

We all look forward to being able to return to hosting ship and command visits, and celebrating our service members in person. Membership and participation are vital to our organization and is the oil in the Navy League engine.

If someone wanted to be a volunteer, what type of other events can they support?

We can use volunteers for a myriad of things from luncheons, dinner and event support, to office work, facilities support and more. The Navy League depends on passionate individuals to support those currently serving, and advocate for the sea services. Councils adopt ships and shore commands, reward and honor enlisted personnel, host dinners and celebrations for military personnel, and support family members left behind when spouses and parents are deployed. At the national level, membership allows you to help our legislative affairs team fight on behalf of our sea services and educate government officials. No prior military service is required to be a member. Active duty spouse can join at no cost and move their membership to the council nearest them as they PCS around the world. It is just our way to thank you for all you do!

What is the NLUS doing nationally, and locally, to battle COVID-19?

We are taking careful measures to protect our employees during this time, including steps like remote work and social distancing, while ensuring that our customer service remains a priority. We pledge to remain accessible to Navy League members as well as to our service members during this time.

Please contact Jane Ferreira, executive director, at NavyLeagueJane@gmail.com or ExecutiveDirector@NavyLeagueHonolulu.org with any questions. Please also reach out to our website at <https://www.navyleaguehonolulu.org/contact.html> and we'll be certain to address your needs quickly.

In what ways is COVID-19 affecting this year's event?

COVID-19 has prompted us to modify the luncheon event where the awardees are recognized and celebrated while families and commands are present to witness the awards, to a virtual event. While this is a big change, we wanted to maintain the annual celebration of these amazing members of the Sea Services.



Recipients of the 2018 Sea Services Awards pose for a photograph following the 58th Annual Sea Services Awards ceremony Nov. 15, 2018.. (U.S. Navy file photo by MC2 Justin R. Pacheco)

Boofest

DRIVE-IN MOVIE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

7 PM: HALLOWEENTOWN 10 PM: THE INVISIBLE MAN

FREE ADMISSION! SIGN-UPS BEGIN OCT 6 AT 10 AM!

• **TO SIGN-UP, CALL (808) 259-4136 OR 4137**

Goodie bags for all keiki! (Must be signed up)

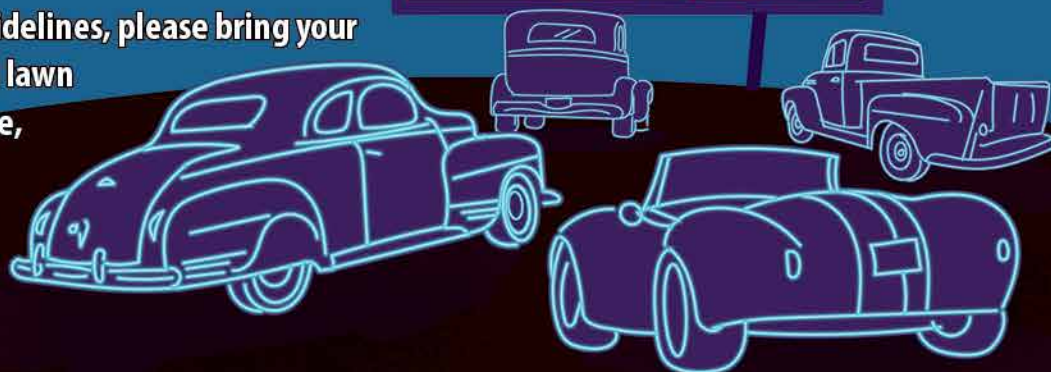
LIMIT 50 CARS. ONE CAR PER SPONSOR.

Cars must arrive NO LATER THAN 6:30 pm for parking.

For the safety of all our guests, late arrivals will not be allowed on the driving range to park.



Due to social distancing guidelines, please bring your own refreshments. Limited lawn seating available; first come, first served with priority given to registered guests. Bring your own towels and beach chairs!



To register, call (808) 259-4136 or 4137. For more info, visit our website at www.bellowsafs.com/boofest2020.

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BooFest AT HOME



OCTOBER 19 - 31

WE CAN'T ALL BE TOGETHER THIS YEAR, SO WE'RE
THROWING A VIRTUAL SPOOKTASTIC BOOFEST CELEBRATION!
JOIN US FOR A ROUSING **13 DAYS OF BOOFEST** FILLED WITH FUN TIMES AND FANTASTIC PRIZES!

OCT 19: LIKE & COMMENT GIVEAWAY

OCT 20: SHORT STORY & POETRY CONTEST

OCT 21: HALLOWEEN CRAFTS CONTEST

OCT 22: HALLOWEEN ART CONTEST

OCT 23: SPOOKY DANCE CONTEST

OCT 24: SCARIEST SCREAM CONTEST

OCT 25: HOMEMADE GOODIES CONTEST

OCT 26: GROSS GOODIES CONTEST

OCT 27: BOOFEST SCAVENGER HUNT

OCT 28: PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

OCT 29: HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

OCT 30: VEHICLE DECORATING CONTEST

OCT 31: COSTUME CONTEST

***START PREPARING YOUR ENTRIES NOW!** Follow us on Facebook or visit
www.bellowsafs.com/boofest2020 for more info. Must attend our
online Facebook event to participate.

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Be a **Virtual** MYSTERY Solver

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Turn on your brain and join us for **FREE** online versions of some of the best group games normally done in person.

CYBERSLEUTH

Oct. 9 @ 7 p.m.
CYBERSLEUTH
How's your crime solving skills?
Become a cybersleuth and join our "live" host to solve a murder investigation, based on actual FBI cases.

PARTNERS IN CRIME

A VIRTUAL DETECTIVE SCAVENGER HUNT

Oct. 10 @ 5 p.m.
PARTNERS IN CRIME
Scavenger Hunt
It's the Amazing Race meets CSI.
You'll be put together in teams for this fast paced competition hosted by live judges!
Fun for all ages.

FOLLOW ME

FIND YOUR PARTNER...
SAVE THE WORLD

Oct. 11 @ 3 p.m.
Escape Room
"FOLLOW ME"
Yes, an escape room you can do online!
You and your team have 60 minutes to get out. Are you up to the challenge?

Difficulty level: Not recommended for younger audiences.

Limited space! To register and guarantee your spot go to jbphh.greatlifehawaii.com/virtual-detective



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